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**SACRAMENTO UPDATE**

**Legislative Analyst Releases "Overview of the 2004-05 May Revision"**

Today, the Legislative Analyst (LAO) released its analysis of the Governor's May Revision to his January Budget Proposal. A copy is available at [http://www.lao.ca.gov/2004/may\\_revision/011704\\_may\\_revision.htm](http://www.lao.ca.gov/2004/may_revision/011704_may_revision.htm). In seeking to come to a "bottom line" on the Governor's revised budget, the LAO summarizes:

"On the positive side, the plan continues to have real savings in numerous areas of the budget. If adopted, it would result in a balanced budget in 2004-05, and leave the State with enough Proposition 57 bond proceeds to temporarily cover much of the structural budget gap for 2005-06.

Despite these positive features, however, we believe the May Revision plan misses an important opportunity ... relies on less ongoing savings than did the January plan, and in other instances ... adds to the State's future spending commitments. *These factors have resulted in a worsening in the State's long-term fiscal outlook relative to the January proposal, even though the underlying revenue picture has brightened.*" (Italics added.)

***Economic and Revenue Projections***

The LAO generally agrees with the Administration's assessment of an improving State economy that has increased tax receipts in the current year and will continue to do so in the budget year. While differing somewhat in their relative assessment of sales and

corporate tax receipts, the LAO's bottom line estimate for all sources is only \$300 million higher than the Administration's, an insignificant difference in a budget reliant on over \$76 billion of revenue.

### ***Key Features of the May Revision***

According to the LAO, the May Revision proposes about \$17 billion in solutions to deal with the remaining budget gap of \$17.2 billion - \$4 billion from FY 2003-04 and prior years, and \$13.2 billion in FY 2004-05. In terms of the types of solutions proposed:

- About \$5.4 billion is related program reductions and savings, including the suspension of Proposition 98, about a \$1 billion reduction in higher education, and elimination of social services COLAs;
- About \$4.0 billion is from using \$2.7 billion of Proposition 57 bonds and another \$1.3 billion is the result of lower debt service payments on those bonds;
- About \$3.8 billion is from other loans and borrowing including a pension obligation bond, a Proposition 98 settlement loan from education, the \$500 million increase in the VLF gap loan, and the Proposition 42 loan from transportation;
- About \$2.7 billion from fund shifts, transfers and increased revenues from student tuition, and the federal government; and
- \$1.4 billion from local government related savings.

Of the \$17 billion in solutions, about \$5 billion is one-time in nature, and \$1.3 billion of the local government related savings is for only two years. Consequently, the underlying structural budget deficit reemerges in FY 2005-06 and the following years.

### ***Out-Year Implications for the Structural Deficit***

While the May Revision plan for FY 2004-05 is balanced with a modest reserve of less than \$1 billion, the Administration's balanced FY 2005-06 budget is achieved by using one-time funds – about \$3.5 billion in Economic Recovery Bond proceeds and a large carryover reserve. And even then, the LAO believes the budget would be “modestly out of balance.” In FY 2006-07, the shortfall would jump to about \$8 billion as the local contribution to the State expires and loans and other obligations from the proposed, as well as past budgets, begin to fall due, including the VLF gap loan and the deferred payment of mandates to cities and counties. Absent corrective actions, the shortfall would then drop to \$6.5 billion.

Given the out-year implications of the budget plan, the LAO poses three key questions for the Legislature: Are the plan's policy priorities consistent with the Legislature's? Do the fiscal implications for out-year budgets make sense? And, whether additional actions such as revenue increases, suspension of Proposition 98 in the current year, and further budget reductions should be taken to more adequately address the structural budget deficit?

### ***Implications for the Local Government Constitutional Amendment***

As part of the \$1.3 billion budget agreement between local governments and the Administration, local governments agreed not to actively pursue their constitutional amendment initiative in return for the Governor's promise to campaign for an alternative amendment that would protect their existing revenue sources and provide for the repeal of unfunded mandates. The LAO is clearly troubled by some of the implications of that agreement. After granting that it would improve the stability of local finance, the LAO cites three concerns:

- It would lock in place the "flawed existing local finance structure" including the current method of distributing the local sales tax and the "AB 8" allocation of property taxes. In order to protect a measure of authority for the Legislature over local finance, the LAO suggests that they may want to substitute a limitation that local revenues could be altered, but not reduced *in the aggregate*.
- Secondly, given that some local governments will have problems absorbing their share of the \$1.3 billion local contribution in two years, as well as the fact that the budget problem is longer term, the Legislature may wish to consider taking a smaller annual contribution over a longer period of time.
- Finally, the LAO believes the complex swap of VLF for property taxes lacks an underlying policy rationale. However, if the real concern is protecting local governments from the future loss of VLF backfill, it would be far simpler to place a backfill guarantee in the Constitution.

Given that two-thirds of the Legislature (but not the Governor) must approve a local government constitutional amendment to assure that it is on the ballot in November, the concerns of the LAO could weigh heavily in the Legislature's consideration of the proposed amendment.

### ***Special Districts' Contribution to the Budget Solution***

Under the \$1.3 billion budget agreement with the Administration, special districts will contribute \$350 million for two years. According to the LAO, special districts have agreed to the following allocation method:

- Enterprise special districts will shift 40 percent of their property taxes;
- Nonenterprise special districts – except for fire, police, healthcare and library districts – will shift 25 percent of their property taxes;
- Fire, police and healthcare districts that receive more than \$1 million annually from property taxes will contribute three percent of their property taxes. If they receive less than \$1 million, they are exempt, as are all library districts. This allocation will affect the County Fire Department.
- If this method fails to generate \$350 million, all of the above percentage reductions are increased proportionately except for fire, police and healthcare districts.

### ***Child Support Penalty***

According to the LAO, the Administration received approval from the Federal government, subsequent to the preparation of the May Revision, to defer payment of the \$220 million child support penalty until the fourth quarter of Federal Fiscal Year 2005, the beginning of the State's 2005-06 fiscal year. Consequently, the 25 percent assessment on counties, an \$11 million cost to the County, should also be deferred.

### **Adult Film Industry Hearing**

Assembly Member Paul Koretz, Chair of the Assembly Labor and Employment Committee, has scheduled an informational hearing on worker health and safety in the adult film industry. The hearing will be held at 10:00 a.m. on June 4, 2004, at the Van Nuys State Office Building Auditorium located at 6150 Van Nuys Blvd. Assembly Member Koretz will chair the hearing and has requested the Department of Health Services to participate. Dr. Jonathan Fielding, Director of Public Health and Health Officer, will represent the Department of Health Services.

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### **Status of County-Interest Legislation**

**County-sponsored AB 2857 (Laird)**, which would protect public agencies from losing tax revenue and ensure that taxpayers are not barred from an appropriate administrative reduction in assessments due to a decline in value, passed the Assembly Appropriations Committee on May 12, 2004 by a vote of 15 to 4. This measure now proceeds to the Assembly Floor.

A roster containing the status of all bills of County interest is attached.

We will continue to keep you advised.

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### **Attachment**

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       All Department Heads  
       Legislative Strategist  
       Coalition of County Unions  
       California Contract Cities Association  
       Independent Cities Association  
       League of California Cities  
       City Managers Associations  
       Buddy Program Participants

**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES - CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE**  
**STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY**  
**2003-04 LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

These are bills we have pursued in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

<u>BILL</u>	<u>AUTHOR</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
AB 26	Pacheco, Leslie	Support (Board Action: 3/11/03)	Would require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide information on the Internet regarding registered sex offenders who are serious or high risk offenders and appropriate an unspecified sum from the General Fund to the DOJ to create the website.	Died in Assembly
AB 28	Jackson, Pavley	No Position	NOW: Was amended do make numerous changes to the California Beverage Container Recycling and Litter Reduction Act.	Chapter 753 of 2003
		Support (Board Action: 4/8/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have enacted the Firefighting Hazardous Materials Response Team Equipment Act of 2003, which would have provided funding to purchase hazardous material response apparatus and equipment for State and local agencies. This measure would have allowed the Director of the State Office of Emergency Services to implement the program subject to the legislature's appropriation of Federal funds for these purposes. It also clarified that the equipment may have been used in a manner consistent with the Master Mutual Aid Agreement.	
AB 31	Runner	Oppose (Board Action: 1/28/03)	Would re-appropriate \$203 million in FY 2003-04 and distribute the funds to schools based on actual pupil attendance.	Died in Assembly
AB 44	Pacheco	County-Sponsored	Would address technical issues regarding the notification of various parties of juvenile court proceedings to determine, review, revise or terminate the status of a child as a dependent child of the court. Urgency measure.	Chapter 20 of 2004
AB 55	Correa	Support if Amended to provide more fiscal and administrative control to county boards of supervisors (Board Action: 6/3/03)	Would amend the 1937 County Employee Retirement Act and allow an employee to purchase up to 5 years of service credit without any requirement that the credit reflect actual service. To be eligible, the employee must have completed at least five years of service and purchase this time by a lump sum payment within 120 days following retirement or through installments over a period of up to 10 years.	Chapter 261 of 2003
AB 74	Mountjoy	Support (Board Action: 1/14/03)	Would make it a felony or a misdemeanor to evade arrest and increase penalties for evading arrest where injury is caused.	Died in Assembly

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AB 83	Corbett	Support (State Update: 5/30/03)	NOW: Was amended to also specify a method for the distribution of the consumer confidence report and exempt water haulers from the consumer confidence report requirement.	Senate Appropriations
		Support and Amend to specify a method for the distribution of the consumer confidence report and exempt water haulers from the consumer confidence report requirement (Board Action: 2/11/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required each water bottler, water vendor, water hauler and retail water facility to prepare and distribute annual consumer confidence reports, be subject to annual inspections by the State Department of Health Services, and reimburse the State for costs incurred for inspections and enforcement activities.	
AB 87	Bogh	Support (State Update: 4/11/03)	Would, in the event of a budget impasse, provide a continuous appropriation to the Workers' Compensation for Disaster Service Workers Fund to pay workers' compensation for injuries incurred by disaster service volunteers. Urgency measure.	Died in Assembly
AB 102	Pacheco	Support (Board Action: 3/11/03)	Would amend the current Unfair Competition Law to curb private attorney abuse of filing suits that lack merit and provide relief from frivolous lawsuits filed by trial attorneys against businesses in California.	Died in Assembly
AB 120	Wyland	Support (Board Action: 3/18/03)	Would appropriate \$1.1 million from Proposition 50 bond funds eradicate <i>Caulerpa taxifolia</i> , an extremely evasive saltwater alga that is a serious threat to the marine ecosystem, from the Aqua Hedionda Lagoon in San Diego County.	Died in Assembly
AB 136	Kehoe	Oppose (State Update: 3/4/03)	NOW: Would provide an extended workers' compensation leave to police officers and sheriffs as well as firefighters.  PREVIOUSLY: Would have provided firefighters with a tax-free, two-year leave of absence without loss of salary in lieu of temporary disability for a work-related injury. Existing law provides for a one-year tax free leave of absence.	Died in Assembly

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AB 185	Horton	Oppose (State Update: 9/15/03)	NOW: Still does the same thing but was sent to the Governor with the undesirable language.	Chapter 832 of 2003
		Support if Amended to provide funding for the positions (State Update: 9/12/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Was amended to prohibit the State Department of Food and Agriculture from entering into cooperative agreements with the County, beginning in FY 2003-04, unless at least 20 percent of the agricultural aides performing the work are permanent employees.	
		Support if Amended to provide funding for the positions (State Update: 6/23/03)	INITIALLY: Would have required Los Angeles County to make temporary positions in the Agricultural Commissioner/Weights and Measures Department Insect Detection Program full-time, permanent positions.	
AB 206	Richman	Oppose (State Update: 5/20/03)	Would enact the Emergency Health Powers Act and define the powers of both State and local health authorities during a declared public health emergency. It would have conferred broad powers on the Governor during an emergency, such as the authority to suspend the provisions of any regulatory statute prescribing procedures for State business and the authority to use all available resources of the State and local governments.	Died in Assembly
AB 227	Vargas	Support (State Update: 9/24/03)	Would reform many of the administrative aspects of the workers' compensation system including: 1) a requirement for employers to pay 100 percent funding for the State Division of Workers' Compensation; 2) repeal of the vocational rehabilitation program and creation of an alternative new supplemental job displacement benefit for injuries occurring on or after January 1, 2004; 3) authorization for the California Infrastructure and Economic Development Bank to issue up to \$1.5 billion worth of bonds at any one time to assist in the solvency of the California Insurance Guarantee Association; 4) an increase in the maximum fine for workers' compensation fraud from \$50,000 to \$150,000; and 5) a requirement for the Insurance Commissioner to develop an online rate comparison guide showing workers' compensation insurance rates.	Chapter 635 of 2003
AB 231	Steinberg, Lieber	Support (State Update: 9/10/03)	NOW: Still does the same but was amended to remove the provision ending use of the Statewide Fingerprint Imaging System (SFIS).	Chapter 743 of 2003
		Oppose Unless Amended to remove the provision ending the use of SFIS (State Update: 3/20/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have: 1) exempted one vehicle as a resource for Food Stamps; 2) repealed the requirement of statewide fingerprint imaging to determine eligibility for CalWORKs and Food Stamps; and 3) given counties the flexibility to exempt a household from complying with face-to-face interview requirements for Food Stamps at application and recertification.	



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AB 261	Maddox	Support (Board Action: 2/25/03)	Would allow the District Attorney the option to charge illegal pharmaceutical dealers with either a misdemeanor or a felony ("wobbler").	Died in Assembly
AB 327	Runner	Support (State Update: 7/22/03)	NOW: Would eliminate the increase in the minimum fine and, instead authorize a city or county to assess an additional penalty of \$100 for violation of disabled parking restrictions and require that the additional revenue be applied to offset the cost of establishing a disabled parking enforcement program.	Chapter 555 of 2003
		Support (Board Action: 5/20/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have increased the minimum fine from \$250 to \$500 for improper use of disabled persons' distinguishing license plates or placards, or illegally parking in a stall or space designated for disabled persons.	
AB 340	Frommer	Support (State Update: 1/9/04)	Would make it illegal to sell, offer for sale, buy, possess, manufacture, or distribute Mobile Infrared Transmitters, a device capable of sending a signal that interrupts or changes the sequence of a traffic signal. Would exempt a person operating a transit bus equipped with an authorized device from this rule.	Senate Transportation
AB 348	Chu	Support and Amend to require a physical check-up to determine that the patient does not have a medical condition in addition to a mental disorder (Board Action: 4/22/03)	Would allow a psychologist, in addition to a psychiatrist, to release a patient from an involuntary commitment when the psychologist is responsible for the continued treatment of the patient, and when the decision to release is based on their personal observation. This would improve the quality of care by eliminating unnecessary time in commitment for patients whose condition has improved to the point where continued commitment is unwarranted.	Chapter 94 of 2003
AB 355	Pacheco	Support (State Update: 4/4/03)	Would amend the definition of escape from custody by a juvenile to include escape or attempted escape from a regional facility, a privately owned facility, or from a field trip site.	Chapter 263 of 2003
AB 380	Steinberg	Support (State Update: 4/1/03)	Would require each county that participates in the Children's System of Care program to collect and annually provide information to the State Department of Mental Health that demonstrates the effectiveness of the program based on outcomes achieved for individual participants. It also requires that the \$69 million included in the State Budget for the AB 3632 program be used exclusively for the support of county mental health services and prohibits the funds to be offset by the State Controller.	Senate Inactive File
AB 384	Leslie	Support (Board Action: 1/20/04)	Would require the State Department of Corrections and the California Youth Authority to adopt regulations prohibiting the possession of tobacco products by inmates in state prison and Youth Authority facilities.	Senate Public Safety

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AB 408	Steinberg	Support and Amend to resolve County concerns regarding potential liability and a phased approach to implementation (Board Action: 5/13/03)	Would seek to ensure that no child be emancipated from the foster care system without a connection to a committed and caring adult by requiring social workers to make additional reports at various times throughout the dependency process regarding efforts to identify and maintain a child's relationships with individuals who are important to the child. This measure is double-joined to AB 579 (Chu), AB 490 (Steinberg), AB 1151 (Dymally), and SB 591 (Scott).	Chapter 813 of 2003
AB 431	Mountjoy	Support (State Update: 3/4/03)	Would establish a burden of proof under workers' compensation for injuries to be classified as job-related. Individuals filing cumulative injury claims would have to prove by a preponderance of evidence that the injury was substantially caused by actual employment activities.	Died in Assembly
AB 435	Matthews	Oppose Unless Amended to authorize the Court to contract-out the monitoring of traffic violator schools to the Housing Authority or other organizations (State Update: 4/11/03)	Would make various changes to traffic violator school curriculum, authorize schools to offer the curriculum on the internet, and shift responsibility for monitoring traffic schools from the Superior Court (Court) to the State Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). This measure would prohibit the DMV from contracting with any agency that has a contract with the courts to provide in-court administrative services. The County of Los Angeles Housing Authority is currently under contract with the courts to provide in-court administrative services and receives \$600,000 to monitor traffic violator schools.	Died in Assembly
AB 458	Chu	Support (Board Action: 7/8/03)	Would provide that foster children (and persons providing care and services to foster children) have the right to fair and equal access to all available services, placement, care, treatment and benefits, and protection from discrimination or harassment on the basis of actual or perceived race, ethnic group identification, ancestry, national origin, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, mental or physical disability, or HIV status. Also requires training on the expanded rights to be included within existing training for licensed foster parents, relative caregivers, group home administrators and licensing staff.	Chapter 331 of 2003
AB 488	Parra	Support (State Update: 1/29/04)	Would require the Department of Justice (DOJ) to disseminate registered sex offender information pursuant to Megan's Law via an Internet website operated by the DOJ.	Senate Public Safety

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AB 490	Steinberg	Support and Amend to seek provisions to avoid it becoming an unfunded mandate (State Update: 8/1/03)	NOW: Still does the same thing but was recently amended to strike language requiring the State Department of Education and local educational agencies to provide, arrange, and pay for the child's transportation. This measure is now silent on the issue of which agency/individuals will ultimately be held responsible for transportation costs. This measure is now double-joined to AB 408 (Steinberg), AB 1151 (Dymally), and SB 591 (Scott).	Chapter 862 of 2003
		Support (Board Action: 4/22/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have sought to ensure all students in foster care had the opportunity to meet the same academic achievement standards as other students, and were placed in the least restrictive educational program with access to the same academic resources and services as other pupils.	
AB 496	Correa	Support if Amended as indicated below (State Update: 1/27/03)	NOW: Was amended to once again establish a Santa Ana River Conservancy.	Senate Natural Resources and Wildlife
	Lowenthal	No Position	PREVIOUSLY: Was amended to extend an exemption from State and local sales and use taxes on petroleum products, known as "bunker fuel".	
	Correa	Support if Amended to expand conservancy board to 15 voting members, include a County Supervisor and a representative from the San Gabriel Valley COG, and prohibit the SARC from acquiring the power to use eminent domain (Board Action: 5/13/03)	NOW: Would have established the Santa Ana River Conservancy (SARC) to acquire and direct the management of public lands in the Santa Ana River watershed with a governing board of 13 voting members and nine non-voting members. The SARC would have had the ability to acquire property but such purchases must have been made from willing sellers, at fair market value, and must have been mutually beneficial to the seller and SARC. The SARC and the State Public Works Board would have been prohibited from exercising the power of eminent domain for land acquisition.	
AB 578	Leno	Support (State Update: 8/18/03)	Would create the Electronic Recording Delivery System Act of 2003 which would authorize counties, upon approval of their Board of Supervisors and certification by the Attorney General, to record: 1) real property documents in the form of a "digitized electronic record"; and 2) an instrument of reconveyance, a substitution of trustee, or an assignment of deed of trust in the form of a "digital electronic record". Would also create a pilot project to allow 12 counties (including Los Angeles) to record any real property document through a digital electronic record. Urgency measure.	Senate Judiciary
AB 749	Matthews	No Position	NOW: Was amended to establish a Medi-Cal reimbursement methodology for durable medical equipment.	Died in Assembly
		Oppose (State Update: 5/9/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have repealed the requirement of statewide fingerprint imaging to determine eligibility for CalWORKs and Food Stamps.	

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AB 834	LaSuer	Oppose (Board Action: 4/22/03)	Would change State law to require police agencies to destroy complaints and reports or findings relating to complaints against personnel after a five year retention period.	Died in Assembly
AB 936	Reyes	Support (State Update: 6/10/03)	NOW: Was amended to delete the language creating the crime of baby stalking, and instead creates a new crime of trespass related to stalking, which will occur when a defendant knowingly enters or remains in a neonatal unit, maternity ward, or birthing center located in a hospital or clinic without lawful business to pursue. This measure is co-joined with AB 1263 (Benoit) and SB 993 (Poochigian).	Chapter 355 of 2003
		Support (Board Action: 4/1/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have amended the Penal Code to include protections against "baby stalking", which was defined as any person who loiters, prowls, or wanders about, and refuses to leave, or fails to leave a neonatal unit, maternity ward, or birthing center located in a hospital or clinic when requested to leave by authorized personnel.	
AB 946	Berg	Support (State Update: 7/7/03)	Would repeal the requirement that a city or county authorize its needle exchange program through a declaration of a local emergency and instead authorize clean needle and syringe exchange programs upon the action of a county board of supervisors, and the local health officer or health commission, or upon the action of a city council, the mayor, and the local health officer.	Vetoed
AB 968	Correa	No Position	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care.	Vetoed
		Oppose (State Update: 4/4/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have created a job-related presumption for workers' compensation or disability retirement for an injury or death as a result of a vaccination or medication given to prevent infection from a biochemical substance.	
AB 1051	Goldberg	Oppose Unless Amended to provide that it has no retroactive effect and keep intact the existing "nondiscriminatory" requirement relating to capital facility fees (State Update: 5/15/03)	Would eliminate the "nondiscriminatory" rate requirement with regard to "capital facility fees". Existing law provides that capital facility fees charged to public agencies (such as the County) by public utilities such as the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) must be nondiscriminatory, which means that LADWP is only allowed to charge the County its pro-rata share of LADWP capital costs, based on the County's power usage. This measure would relieve LADWP of its current legal duty not to charge the County in excess of the County's pro-rata share of LADWP capital costs.	Vetoed

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AB 1141	Diaz	Oppose (State Update: 5/30/03)	Would amend the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act relating to employee-employer relations and agency shop agreements to allow confidential and supervisory employees to be included in an agency shop.	Chapter 311 of 2003
AB 1151	Dymally	No Position	NOW: Was amended to declare legislative intent that nothing in the <i>Terrell R.</i> decision shall be held to change the standards of liability and immunity for injuries to children in protective custody that existed prior to that decision.	Chapter 847 of 2003
		Oppose (State Update: 4/28/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have made several changes to existing law regarding county and social worker liability, including, but not limited to overturning the decision of <i>Terrell R. v. County of Los Angeles (2002)</i> . Existing law immunizes counties and their social workers from liability for discretionary placement decisions. In <i>Terrell R.</i> the court held that the County and social worker were not civilly liable for injuries occurring to a child while in foster care.	
AB 1153	Bermudez	County-Sponsored	Would criminalize the unlawful or unauthorized use, manufacture or sale of any official State, county, city, city and county or agency badge and/or associated photographic identification cards with two exceptions: 1) the use of a badge in a fictitious or historical depiction of a public officer or employee; and 2) a badge supplied by a recognized employee organization that represents firefighters. Urgency measure.	Chapter 22 of 2004
AB 1154	Frommer	No Position	NOW: Was amended to appropriate State funding to pay for claims against the State.	Senate Desk
		Support (State Update: 5/28/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have exempted the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHDP) positions, which affect timely review of hospital construction plans, from any State hiring freezes and curtailments, and authorized OSHDP to increase staffing financed by the Hospital Building Fund. Urgency measure.	
AB 1313	Parra	Support (State Update: 9/11/03)	Would extend the sunset date of Megan's Law, regarding registration of sex offenders, from January 1, 2004 to January 1, 2007, and bring California law into compliance with Federal law by authorizing campus police to release printed information regarding the presence of a registered sex offender on campus to members of the campus community. Urgency measure.	Chapter 634 of 2003

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AB 1314	Parra	Support and Amend to eliminate the sunset date and to require disclosure of the work and residential addresses of serious, or high-risk sex offenders (State Update: 7/22/03)	Would extend the provisions of Megan's Law that requires sex offenders to register with local law enforcement agencies, from January 1, 2004, to January 1, 2007. The law also authorizes a law enforcement agency to notify citizens if a child or other person, that the offender is likely to encounter, may be at risk from serious or high-risk sex offenders and requires the State Department of Justice to operate a 900 telephone number that the public may call to inquire whether a named individual is listed as a registered sex offender.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1320	Dutra	No Position	NOW: Was amended to delete provisions related to expansion of transit villages and weakening of existing redevelopment law.	Governor's Desk
		Oppose (State Update: 4/11/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have changed redevelopment law relating to transit villages by: 1) allowing local governments to amend existing redevelopment projects or establish new Transit Village Redevelopment Plans (TVRP) centered on a rail transit station, extending up to one-half mile from the rail station; 2) making affordable housing a "characteristic" to be addressed by a TVRP; 3) creating new "blight" criteria for TVRP projects; and 4) extending the tax increment benefit to 60 years and exempt or cap TVRP's obligation to pass-through a share of tax growth to cities and counties.	
AB 1324	Steinberg	Oppose (State Update: 4/4/03)	Would provide medical benefits under workers' compensation for dependents of law enforcement or firefighting employees who contract a blood borne disease from exposure to the employee. If the dependent elects to receive workers' compensation benefits, they forfeit their rights to file any civil claims.	Senate Desk
AB 1362	Kehoe	Oppose (State Update: 9/11/03)	Would extend compensation disability benefits under Section 4850 of the Labor Code to provide police officers, sheriffs, or firefighters with a tax-free, two-year leave of absence without loss of salary in lieu of temporary disability for a work-related injury. Existing law provides for a one-year tax-free leave of absence.	Senate Appropriations
AB 1405	Wolk	Support (State Update: 7/9/03)	NOW: Would encourage the California Environmental Protection Agency and the Resources Agency to provide assistance and grants to those who choose to participate in watershed enhancement and restoration.	Chapter 693 of 2003
		Support (State Update: 4/16/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have enacted the California Watershed Protection and Restoration Act and declared the policy of the State to endorse voluntary local, collaborative watershed partnerships as being in the State's interest in terms of effectiveness, citizen involvement and community responsibility.	

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AB 1432	Firebaugh	Support (Board Action: 6/3/03)	Would eliminate provisions of California law which bar California prosecution based on foreign convictions or acquittals, but at the same time, would provide credit for actual time served in a foreign country for the same crime.	Senate Public Safety
AB 1466	Koretz	Support (State Update: 3/24/04)	Would authorize State agencies to adopt "Don't Trash California" and the equivalent Spanish phrase) as their state unified litter prevention and recycling message and would allow the California Integrated Waste Management Board to establish an interagency litter-prevention and recycling message committee to collaborate on utilization of the unified litter prevention and recycling message.	Senate Environmental Quality
AB 1469	Negrete-McLeod	County-Sponsored	Would revise provisions regarding the timeline for providing specified reports to parties in dependency matters.	Chapter 516 of 2003
AB 1470	Vargas	Oppose (State Update: 3/12/03)	Would eliminate the Board of Supervisors authority to increase wages and benefits for In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) workers by authorizing an increase in IHSS wages and benefits by voter initiative. Certain criteria must be met before the initiative can be placed on the ballot, including: 1) a requirement that the employer of record and the employee organization have reached an impasse and that impasse procedures have been exhausted; and 2) the appointment of a fact finder to determine the amount of county funds available, outside of realignment accounts, to pay for the proposed wage increase.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1479	Chu	Support (State Update: 7/9/03)	Would delete the Department of Motor Vehicles exclusive control over the monitoring of the traffic violator school (TVS) program and continue the courts' control over the monitoring of the TVS program. Under current law, the courts are responsible for monitoring the TVS program and have contracted with the Los Angeles Housing Authority to monitor certain TVS programs.	Chapter 518 of 2003
AB 1480	Richman	Support (State Update: 4/25/03)	Would make significant changes in workers' compensation law, including requiring an applicant for employment, upon the request of an employer, to disclose whether he or she has been convicted of committing any workers' compensation fraud or been convicted of violating other specified unlawful acts relating to fraud.	Died in Assembly

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AB 1481	Richman	Support (State Update: 4/4/03)	Would require that all reports and medical exams submitted to the State Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to determine employee disability or compensation awards address the percentage that the work-related illness, disease or injury contributed to the employee's disability or death and provide that permanent disability or death benefits are not payable unless the work-related injury contributed at least 10 percent to the cause or disability when compared to all other causes in total.	Died in Assembly
AB 1482	Richman	Support (State Update: 4/4/03)	Would require that the Administrative Director of the State Department of Labor, Workers' Compensation Division, include outpatient surgery facilities and emergency rooms in the official fee schedule by January 1, 2005 and requires that all medical services provided to the injured worker from the date of injury be subject to the official fee schedule regardless of when the injury is accepted as being work related. The workers' compensation fee schedule is tied to the Medicare schedule.	Died in Assembly
AB 1483	Richman and Daucher	No Position	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care.	Conference Committee
		Support (State Update: 4/23/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required the State to develop an annual training program for claims representatives and disability evaluators.	
		Support (State Update: 4/4/03)	INITIALLY: Would have established a mandatory certification program for all physicians that treat or evaluate workers' compensation claims and would have been effective starting January 1, 2006.	
AB 1510	Kehoe	Support (State Update: 5/7/04)	Would appropriate money from the Special Fund for Economic Uncertainties to reimburse local governments for their loss of revenue in 2003-04 from reduced assessments due to property tax caused by various disasters in 2003, including wild fires in Los Angeles County. Funding would be for one year only.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
AB 1531	Longville	Support (State Update: 8/28/03)	NOW: Was amended to require the State to pay expenses incurred by local elections official for the October 7, 2003 special recall election.	Senate Desk
		Oppose (State Update: 4/1/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have revised existing primary election laws to require three elections, two primaries and one general, in presidential election years.	



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AB 1579	Cogdill, Richman	No Position  Support (State Update: 5/14/03)	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care.  PREVIOUSLY: Would have extended prohibitions on physician referrals in workers' compensation cases to self or family owned outpatient surgical services and suppliers.	Conference Committee
AB 1587	Public Employees & Retirement	Oppose (State Update: 9/11/03)	Would prohibit 1937 Retirement Act Counties from adopting any retirement benefit changes that would not apply to all members, and would also modify the Meyers-Millias-Brown Act relating to the negotiation of retirement benefits.	Chapter 852 of 2003
AB 1597	Runner	County-Sponsored	Would establish a new licensing category, known as the multi-service ambulatory care center (MACC) that would be administered by the State Department of Health Services (DHS). Urgency measure. However, this bill is no longer necessary because County DHS has reached an administrative agreement with the State DHS to license the MACC.	Died in Assembly
AB 1608	Liu	Support (Board Action: 4/29/03)	Would allow an individual who is 17 years old and will be 18 years old by the date of the next general election, to register and vote in any intervening primary or special election.	Died in Assembly
AB 1618	Firebaugh	Support (State Update: 5/7/04)  Support and Amend to require rail companies to report such events first to the Sheriff or local police as appropriate, and then to the OES (State Update: 8/1/03)	NOW: Still does the same but was amended to include notice to designated county public safety agencies in the protocol.  PREVIOUSLY: Would have required railroad companies in California to develop, within 90 days of the effective date of the bill, an approved protocol for rapid communication with the State Office of Emergency Services, the California Highway Patrol and designated local agencies in an endangered area during emergency situations where there is a runaway train. Urgency measure.	Assembly Floor
AB 1663	Dutra	Support (State Update: 1/7/04)	Would extend the sunset date for the current \$1 fee assessment on each vehicle registered with the County to finance the Taskforce for Regional Autotheft Prevention program to January 1, 2010 and require each county to issue a fiscal year-end report to the Controller who will determine if fee revenues are being utilized in a manner consistent with the bill.	Senate Appropriations
AB 1676	Dutra	Support (State Update: 7/3/03)	Would require the blood of a pregnant woman that is currently drawn to test for blood type and hepatitis B to also be tested for the human immuno-deficiency virus (HIV), unless the woman refuses.	Chapter 749 of 2003

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AB 1683	Pavley	Support (Board Action: 8/12/03)	Would require child day care facilities to post copies of licensing reports, including reports from annual site visits and reports of substantiated complaints against the facility in a conspicuous place in order to provide parents with necessary information regarding the well-being of their children.	Chapter 403 of 2003
AB 1690	Leno	Oppose (State Update: 8/20/03)	NOW: Was amended to re-instate County-opposed provisions which would authorize a local personal income tax to benefit public safety, including local emergency and trauma care.	Senate Appropriations
		No Position	PREVIOUSLY: Was amended to become an intent bill to examine allowing local governments to impose an income tax.	
		Oppose (Board Action: 6/24/03)	INITIALLY: Would have authorized a city or county to form a "public safety finance agency" to finance supplemental fire protection, police or sheriff services and/or capital improvements, and further authorized a local government that does so to levy a local income tax for general purposes, subject to approval by a majority of voters. Would have designated the governing body of a city, county, or city and county that forms a public safety finance agency as the governing body of the public safety finance agency.	
AB 1716	Human Services	Support (State Update: 6/13/03)	Would reinstate a mechanism temporarily used during the 1990's to restore base realignment funding for the caseload-driven portion of the Social Services Account in any year following a year in which revenues are not sufficient to fully fund the base, resulting in a permanent reduction in the base. Would allow for a one-time supplement of the base and would expire after the base is restored.	Chapter 450 of 2003
AB 1738	Assembly Health	Support (State Update: 4/25/03)	Would lower the hot holding temperature requirement for the retail food industry from 140 degrees F to 135 degrees F.	Chapter 453 of 2003
AB 1896	Horton	Oppose (State Update: 3/5/04)	Would affect the Agricultural Commissioner's contracts with the State for insect detection services by requiring the County to make Agricultural Inspector Aides for whom there is year-round work, permanent employees. Also requires the County to phase in this requirement over a two year period, with 50 percent of the workers achieving permanent status in FY 2004-05 and the remainder in FY 2005-06.	Assembly Floor
AB 2013	Steinberg	Oppose (State Update: 3/15/04)	Would repeal the requirement of statewide fingerprint imaging to determine eligibility for CalWORKs and Food Stamps, and make conforming changes to the Kin-GAP Program.	Assembly Floor

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AB 2082	Ridley-Thomas	Oppose (State Update: 3/18/04)	Would remove the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Department of Public Social Services Director from the Personal Assistance Services Council's (PASC) governing board nomination and selection process and, instead, require the PASC governing board members to be elected by a general mail ballot election among IHSS consumers.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 2264	Chavez	Oppose (Board Action: 4/6/04)	Would divert 50 percent of the total tax increment the County receives from the City of Industry redevelopment funds away from the County and return it back to the City of Industry. The 50 percent that remains with the County may be allocated to other qualified projects if there are no qualified projects within 15 miles of the City of Industry.	Assembly Housing and Community Development
AB 2293	Wolk	Oppose Unless Amended to exempt Los Angeles County (Board Action: 4/13/04)	Would require a county Emergency Medical Care Committee to review complaints relating to the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) plan in its county and make recommendations to a county board of supervisors, expand the scope of the Committee, infringe upon the Board of Supervisors authority over the size and composition of the County's EMS Commission, and provide no funding for this new mandate.	Assembly Health
AB 2300	Dymally	Oppose (State Update: 4/7/04)	Would require hospitals to develop a staffing plan for professional, technical, and support staff including respiratory therapists, clerical, dietary, and housekeeping staff, and others needed to ensure safe and adequate patient care. This staffing plan would be in addition to compliance with the minimum licensed nurse-to-patient ratios established by regulations implementing AB 394 (Kuehl) of 1999.	Failed passage in Assembly Health; Reconsideration granted
AB 2338	Samuelian	Oppose (State Update: 5/4/04)	Would delete the requirement that Welfare Fraud Investigators or Inspectors must be authorized by their employing agency to carry firearms.	Failed passage in Assembly Public Safety Reconsideration granted
AB 2428	Chu	Support (State Update: 5/7/04)	Would add additional requirements to the conditions of release for persons convicted of hate crimes and require the courts to issue a protective order for the victim, or their kin, as a condition of parole or outpatient status (if the person is committed to a mental institution). Persons found not guilty by reason of insanity would be required to complete a class or program on racial or ethnic sensitivity or a year of counseling as a condition of receiving outpatient status. State parole authorities would require parolees convicted of such crimes to receive racial sensitivity counseling or training as a condition of parole.	Senate Desk

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AB 2446	Montanez	Support (State Update: 3/18/04)	Would expand the list of projects eligible for joint-use bond funding to include parks, recreational centers, cultural arts centers, technology centers, health clinics, and athletic fields.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 2516	Vargas, Correa	Support (Board Action: 5/11/04)	Would prohibit persons functioning as an "immigration document assistant" from making statements suggesting that they can or will obtain special favors from, or have special influence with, any governmental agency, employee, or official that may have a bearing on a client's immigration matter. Would also prohibit an immigration document assistant from selecting Federal or State agency forms for a client, advising them regarding answers on those forms, or providing any advice, explanation, opinion, or recommendation to a client about possible legal rights, remedies, defenses, options, or strategies on an immigration matter.	Assembly Floor
AB 2666	Maldonado	Oppose (State Update: 5/7/04)	Would change the method used to allocate funds generated from a special off-highway vehicles (OHV) registration fee to counties and cities. Current law requires the State Controller to allocate the funds from a \$4 per OHV license fee to counties and cities based on population in the same manner as other vehicle license fees are allocated. This bill would require that the allocation be based on the estimated proportional use of OHV's in a given jurisdiction.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 2679	Wolk	Support (State Update: 4/7/04)	Would extend the sunset date to provide Medi-Cal coverage for employed disabled people whose incomes do not exceed 250 percent of the Federal Poverty Level from April 1, 2005 to April 1, 2008.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 2691	Correa, Vargas	Support (Board Action: 5/11/04)	Would clarify application of existing law regarding immigration consultants by requiring each individual immigration consultant to file a \$50,000 bond with the Secretary of State prior to acting in that capacity. It further requires that each immigration consultant file a form with the Secretary of State including the following information: name, date of birth, address and telephone number for both business and residence, the consultant's agent for service of legal documents, and whether they have ever been convicted of a violation of immigration consultant law. A copy of valid and current photo identification must be submitted with the form.	Senate Desk
AB 2783	Simitian	Support (State Update: 4/28/04)	Would allow counties the option, upon adoption by the Board of Supervisors, to increase recording fees on real estate documents up to \$2 to fund programs to deter, investigate and prosecute civil proceedings involving the financial abuse of elder and dependent adults through fraudulent real estate transactions.	Assembly Floor

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AB 2857	Laird	County-Sponsored	Would protect public agencies from losing tax revenue and ensure that taxpayers are not barred from an appropriate administrative reduction in assessments due to a decline in value.	Assembly Floor
AB 2871	Berg	Support (State Update: 4/1/04)	Would repeal the requirement that a city or county authorize its needle exchange program through a declaration of a local emergency and would authorize clean needle exchange programs upon the action of a county board of supervisors, and the local health officer or health commission, or upon the action of a city council, the mayor, and the local health officer.	Senate Desk
AB 2947	Pacheco	Support (State Update: 4/22/04)	Would extend the sunset date of the Comprehensive Youth Services Act (Act) for three years from January 1, 2005 to January 1, 2008. The Act authorizes State funding for juveniles who are under the supervision of a court or a county probation department.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
AB 2963	Pacheco	Support (State Update: 4/1/04)	Would require the State Department of Health Services, by January 1, 2005, to evaluate the 1 to 6 licensed nurse-to-patient ration currently required in health facility medical/surgical care units which was established by regulations implementing AB 394 (Kuehl) of 1999. The evaluation would be required to take into consideration the number of nurses available, nursing position vacancy rates, and the cost to hospitals to implement the existing ratio as well as the more stringent 1 to 5 nurse-to-patient ratio which will become effective on January 1, 2005.	Failed passage in Assembly Health; Reconsideration granted
AB 2989	Corbett	Support and Amend to extend the aid limit from 24 months to 48 for participants who want to enter RN or LVN programs and require participants to work in medically underserved areas for at least 2 years after graduation (State Update: 5/7/04)	Would provide counties the option to extend the maximum amount of time, from 24 months to 48 months, that CalWORKs recipients who are continuously enrolled in registered nursing (RN) programs may receive aid without needing to secure employment or participate in community service. The bill would require that the RN program be certified by the Board of Registered Nursing. Individuals participating in RN programs would still be required to comply with the welfare-to-work plan requirements or be subject to sanctions.	Assembly Appropriations
AB 3051	Nation	Oppose (State Update: 5/4/04)	Would remove the existing 240 week statute of limitations on death claims for firefighters for any death due to a presumptive condition including heart disease or cancer and would make death benefits payable regardless of how many weeks or years have transpired between the date of injury and the date of death.	Assembly Floor

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ACA 1	Longville	Support only the provision of the bill that provides the budget and any related legislation may be passed by majority vote (Board Action: 2/11/03)	Would provide that the State budget and any related legislation may be approved by a majority vote instead of a two-thirds vote and requires legislators to forfeit their pay until the budget is passed. The County does not have a position of the provision of ACA 1 that requires legislators to forfeit their pay until the budget is passed.	Assembly Budget
ACA 25	Mullin	Support (State Update: 3/9/04)	Would amend the California Constitution by permitting 17-year old citizens, who will be 18 years old by the next general election, to register and vote at that general election and at any intervening primary or special election.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
ACR 14	Nakano	Support (Board Action: 2/18/03)	Would declare February 19, 2003 as a Day of Remembrance to increase public awareness of the events surrounding the internment of Japanese Americans during WWII and would encourage the annual observance of this day in subsequent years.	Resolution Chapter 5 of 2003
ACR 142	Chavez	Support (Board Action: 2/3/04)	Would designate the interchange of State Highway Route 605 and State Highway Route 210 as the "Los Angeles County Deputy Sheriff David W. March Memorial Interchange".	Senate Desk
AJR 59	Maze	Support (State Update: 1/27/03)	Would memorialize the Legislature's request that the President and Congress support continued operation and maintenance of all military bases currently in operation in California.	Assembly Local Government
AJR 64	Chu	Support (State Update: 5/7/04)	Would urge local, State and federal law enforcement authorities to work to prevent bias-motivated crimes and to investigate and prosecute hate crimes committed against all Americans, with specific reference to Arab-Americans, Muslim-Americans, South Asian-Americans, and Sikh-Americans.	Senate Desk
SB 1	Speier	Support (Board Action: 2/25/03)	Would prohibit banks, insurance companies and other financial businesses from providing personal information about customers such as salary, bank account transaction, credit card information and purchases, to telemarketing and other third parties, without consent.	Chapter 241 of 2003
SB 2	Burton, Speier	Support (Board Action: 4/29/03)	Would create the State Health Purchasing Program and require health benefits to be provided directly by employers or through the program, which is projected to cover more than 1 million uninsured.	Chapter 673 of 2003
SB 12	Bowen	Support (Board Action: 3/4/03)	Would make it a crime to send unsolicited commercial emails from California or to any email address in the State and allow individuals the right to sue spammers for up to \$500 per violation.	Assembly Business and Professions

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SB 18	Burton	Oppose (State Update: 8/27/03)	Would create a procedure in the California Environmental Quality Act for the Native American Heritage Commission to determine if a proposed project adversely changes a traditional tribal cultural site and to recommend project changes and mitigation measures to avoid or reduce the impact of adverse changes.	Assembly Inactive File
SB 21	Machado	Support (State Update: 5/15/03)	Would require various State agencies to establish guidelines for implementing Proposition 50, the Water Security, Clean Drinking Water, Coastal and Beach Protection Act of 2002, including requiring the guidelines to provide for an open, transparent competitive grant process, with projects evaluated solely on the basis of merit and need.	Died in Senate
SB 24	Figueroa	Support (State Update: 5/15/03)	Would create two electronic enrollment processes, the Prenatal Gateway and the Newborn Hospital Gateway, to simplify enrollment of prenatal women and newborn infants into the Medi-Cal Program.	Chapter 895 of 2003
SB 40	Alpert	Support (State Update: 3/4/03)	Would enact the California Reading and Literacy Improvement and Public Library Construction and Renovation Bond Act of 2004 for submission to the voters at the 2004 direct primary election. It would authorize issuance of \$2 billion in State general obligation bonds to finance library construction and renovation.	Died in Senate
SB 50	Sher	No Position Support (Board Action: 2/11/03)	NOW: Was amended to revise the Electronic Waste Recycling Act of 2003. PREVIOUSLY: Would have declared legislative intent to enact legislation containing a comprehensive statutory framework that would have ensured that provisions similar to those in the California Safe Drinking Water Act applied to each water bottler, water vendor, water hauler and retail water facility.	Assembly Natural Resources
SB 59	Escutia	Support (Board Action: 2/11/03) and County-Sponsored	Would establish a writ procedure for the review of all placement orders affecting the adoption of children which would shorten the amount of time on adoption appeals.	Chapter 247 of 2003
SB 64	Speier	Support (Board Action: 3/4/03)	Would protect homeowners from unfair methods of competition and deceptive acts in the business of insurance canceling, refusing to renew, or refusing to make an offer of a policy in violation of specified provisions, and would prohibit any insurance institution or agent from refusing to offer or refuse to renew coverage on a property, because of any inquiry about policy coverage or because of a notification of a loss by the insured to an insurer, when that notification is not intended by the insured to be a claim under the policy.	Failed Passage in Assembly Insurance; Reconsideration granted

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SB 108	Romero	Support (State Update: 2/5/03) and Board Action: 2/11/03)	Would establish a five-cent fee per alcoholic beverage distributed by a wholesaler to a retailer for consumption in the State of California to fund local emergency medical services providers.	Died in Senate
SB 125	Chesbro	Oppose (State Update: 3/13/03)	Would extend public safety workers' compensation disability benefits under Section 4850 of the Labor Code to county welfare fraud investigators and inspectors, and coroners and deputy coroners in Los Angeles County, thereby entitling them to temporary disability payments of full salary tax-free.	Vetoed
SB 130	Chesbro	Support (State Update: 9/5/03)	Would declare legislative intent to achieve a reduction in the use of seclusion and behavioral restraints in mental health facilities and would require the State to develop technical assistance and training programs to achieve this reduction.	Chapter 750 of 2003
SB 139	Brulte	County-Sponsored	Would improve the "Safe Haven Law" by: 1) protecting the confidentiality of a parent who surrenders a child; 2) requiring safe haven sites to post uniform signage; 3) expanding the definition of a safe haven site to include any location designated by a board of supervisors; 4) requiring a safe haven site to notify child protective services (cps) as soon as possible after an infant is surrendered; 5) requiring cps to report information regarding the child to the California Missing Children Clearinghouse and National Crime Information Center; and 6) clarify that possession of the ankle bracelet identification does not establish parentage or a right to custody of the child.	Chapter 150 of 2003
SB 186	Murray	Support (State Update: 7/17/03)	Would prohibit the initiating of, or advertising in, an unsolicited commercial e-mail and authorize a recipient, internet service provider, or the Attorney General to recover actual damages as well as liquidated damages of \$1,000 per e-mail and \$1 million per incident. This measure defines unsolicited e-mails as instances where the recipient has not provided direct consent, and situations whereby a recipient does not have a "pre-existing or current business relationship".	Chapter 487 of 2003
SB 196	Kuehl	Support if Amended to provide an exemption from the conflict of interest clause in Section 13388 of the Water Code (State Update: 5/27/03)	Would require that persons appointed to fill the seats on the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) be a city council member or mayor, and a county supervisor, respectively. The current requirement is simply that the respective appointees be "associated" with municipal government and county government.	Chapter 272 of 2003



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SB 223	Margett	No Position	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care.	Conference Committee
		Support (State Update: 4/4/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have extended the requirement to dispense generic drugs to individuals whose injuries are covered by workers' compensation to hospitals, clinics, and physicians.	
SB 228	Alarcon	Support (State Update: 9/24/03)	NOW: Was amended to include many of the Board's priorities such as establishing a medical fee schedule that reduces physician fees by 5%, and limits medical fees to 120% of Medicare rates. Would also: 1) limit charges for prescription medicines to 100% of Medi-Cal rates; 2) cap chiropractic and physical therapy visits and expands the prohibition on physician referrals; 3) establish utilization review standards, and allows the treating physician presumption of correctness to be rebutted; and 4) provide for the employer and union to negotiate an alternate dispute resolution program for the processing of work-related injuries.	Chapter 639 of 2003
		Support if Amended to retain the existing 90-day time frame for determining employee liability (State Update: 5/16/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have prohibited fees for workers' compensation medical services from exceeding 120 percent of the Medicare fee schedule for all medical services, including outpatient surgical services and pharmaceutical services and reduced the 90 day presumption of compensability to 60 days.	
SB 278	Ducheny	Oppose (Board Action: 9/23/03)	Would establish a medical parole system to require prisoners to be paroled to a medical facility if they are physically and/or medically incapacitated by a condition that renders them permanently unable to move without assistance, excluding prisoners on Death Row or those convicted under California's Three-Strikes Law.	Vetoed

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SB 354	Speier	No Position	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care.	Conference Committee
		Support (State Update: 5/16/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have: 1) increased the maximum fine for violation of fraud provisions of workers compensation law and/or the insurance code from \$50,000 to \$100,000, 2) limited chiropractic care to no more than 15 one-hour visits unless the employee receives authorization from a medical doctor; 3) prohibited physician referrals to surgical outpatient centers where the physician or his/her family has a financial interest; and 4) required the State to develop medical utilization guidelines for use in the workers' compensation system and to establish an independent medical review process.	
SB 358	Figueroa	Support (State Update: 7/22/03)	Would create the Vocational Nurse Education Program to provide scholarships, educational loans, and loan repayment programs for vocational nursing students who agree in writing prior to completion of school to serve in a county health facility, state-operated health facility, or health manpower shortage area.	Chapter 640 of 2003
SB 365	Johnson	Support (State Update: 3/14/03)	Would amend workers' compensation law to require that employment must be the predominant cause of injury, as compared to all other causes combined, in determining eligibility for benefits and would preclude benefits for an injury that is caused by a criminal act committed by the employee for which he or she has been convicted.	Died in Senate
SB 418	Sher	Oppose (State Update: 8/28/03)	Would repeal and replace existing law regarding the process by which an agency obtains an agreement from the State Department of Fish and Game for the alteration of a streambed.	Chapter 736 of 2003
SB 430	Johnson	Oppose (State Update: 4/1/03)	Would revise existing primary election laws to mandate that the Statewide direct primary election be held on different days than the presidential primary elections, and require the Statewide direct primary election to be held the first Tuesday after the first Monday in September of each even-numbered year instead of the first Tuesday in March in each even-numbered year, beginning in 2008.	Assembly Inactive File
SB 440	Burton	Oppose (State Update: 7/7/03)	Would provide that if certain public safety employee organizations request binding arbitration on economic issues when they are at impasse with an employing local government, the decision of the arbitrator is final, unless it is overturned by the unanimous decision of the local governing body.	Chapter 877 of 2003

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SB 457	McPherson	No Position  Support if Amended to indicate clearly that the 25% penalty applies only to the payment that was actually or unreasonably delayed or refused, rather than on all past, present and future payments (State Update: 4/21/03)	NOW: Was amended to express legislative intent to have the State Division of Workers' Compensation review current provisions of law regarding penalizing and deterring unreasonable late and denied benefit payments.  PREVIOUSLY: Would have amended workers' compensation law by requiring an employer to voluntarily rectify the delay or refusal to pay a workers' compensation payment within 20 days or face a 25 percent penalty. This measure would have also established a one year statute of limitation from the date of delay or refusal for a penalty claim to be filed. Existing law provides for a 10 percent penalty for unreasonably delaying or refusal to pay workers' compensation and applies to all past, present and future payments despite the fact that past payments have been made on time.	Conference Committee
SB 465	Soto	Oppose (State Update: 4/1/03)	Would amend existing redevelopment law to: 1) allow local governments to establish new Transit Village Redevelopment Plans (TVRP) centered on a rail transit station, and extending up to one-half mile from the rail station; 2) make affordable housing a "characteristic" to be addressed by a TVRP; 3) create new "blight" criteria for TVRP projects; and 4) extend the tax increment benefit to 60 years.	Died in Senate
SB 469	Scott	Support (State Update: 3/13/03)	Would permit a school district to use its instructional materials budget for the visual and performing arts, foreign language, health, or any other curricular area, if it has provided each pupil with the legally-required instructional materials in language arts, reading, math, science, history, and social science.	Chapter 898 of 2003
SB 530	Johnson, Perata	Oppose (Board Action: 4/27/04)	Would prohibit, until January 1, 2005, a city or county from using any form of direct recording electronic devise as part of the city or county's voting system for the November 2, 2004 Presidential General Election.	Assembly Desk
SB 537	Romero	No Position  Oppose (Board Action: 5/13/03)	NOW: Was recently amended to require the Los Angeles County Sanitation Districts to prepare a report by July 1, 2004.  PREVIOUSLY: Would have prohibited the County from permitting the Puente Hills Materials Recovery Facility (PHMRF) to exceed the current limit of 4,000 tons per day of waste recycling by more than five percent.	Assembly Natural Resources

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SB 593	Ackerman	Oppose (State Update: 4/30/03)	NOW: Still does the same, but was amended to: 1) change the starting date for implementation of the bill from FY 2004-05 to FY 2005-06; 2) change the method in which commercial aircraft would be valued that is counter to the codified settlement agreement between airline companies and counties regarding the valuation of commercial aircraft; and 3) use funding from the existing State-County Property Tax Administration Grant Program to provide the BOE with revenues to administer provisions of the bill.	Died in Senate
		Oppose (State Update: 3/28/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have shifted responsibility for the assessment of personal property owned by commercial air operators from the County Assessor to the State Board of Equalization beginning in Fiscal Year 2004-05 which could have resulted in inaccurate assessments that would reduce County revenues.	
SB 629	Soto	Oppose (State Update: 3/13/03)	Would provide a presumption of job-relatedness to licensed health care professionals who develop a blood-borne infectious disease, thereby entitling them to receive workers' compensation or disability retirement benefits if they contract a blood-related or infectious disease.	Died in Senate
SB 663	Speier	Support (State Update: 6/18/03)	NOW: Still does the same but was amended to address County concerns.	Assembly Appropriations Suspense File
		Support if Amended to allow a sale to be delayed for a period not to exceed four years (State Update: 5/14/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required the tax collector, with regards to tax-defaulted property subject to sale, to: 1) make an additional attempt to contact the owner-occupant in person or by telephone no less than 10 days prior to the date of sale if the home is subject to a homeowner's exemption and the first attempt to contact the owner-occupant is unsuccessful; and 2) remove the property from the sale if contact is not made after this additional attempt, and prohibit the property from being offered for sale until personal contact is made or the homeowner's exemption is removed.	
SB 714	Battin	Support (State Update: 4/23/03)	NOW: Was amended to delete the 10 percent cause threshold and retain the current law that stipulates that benefits be paid even if the current injury represents as little as 1 percent of the cause but still apportions a disability to non-work related causes.	Died in Senate
		Support (State Update: 4/4/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required that all reports and medical exams submitted to the State Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to determine employee disability or compensation awards address the percentage that the work-related illness, disease or injury contributed to the employee's disability or death and provide that permanent disability or death benefits are not payable unless the work-related injury contributed at least 10 percent to the cause or disability when compared to all other causes in total.	

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SB 726	Romero	County-Sponsored	Would authorize a county board of supervisors to place on the ballot a local alcohol tax on the sale of beer, wine and distilled spirits when they are sold for on-site consumption.	Died in Senate
SB 757	Poochigian	No Position	NOW: Was amended to state legislative intent to improve the workers' compensation system by promoting the efficient delivery of high-quality appropriate medical care.	Conference Committee
		Support (State Update: 6/23/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have required the implementation of medical treatment utilization guidelines and protocols for use in the workers' compensation system. The utilization guidelines and protocols would have been based on standards used in other medical benefit systems as recommended by the State Commission on Health, Safety and Workers' Compensation.	
SB 867	Burton	Oppose (State Update: 4/4/03)	Would add acupuncturist to the definition of physician for purposes of appointment as a Qualified Medical Evaluator in the workers' compensation system.	Died in Senate
SB 892	Murray	Support (Board Action: 6/24/03)	Would require every public and private school to have restroom facilities that are open during school hours, maintained and cleaned regularly, fully operational, and stocked with soap and paper supplies and would make a school district that operates a public school in violation of these provisions ineligible for State deferred maintenance funds matching apportionments if the violation is not corrected within 30 days after receipt of notice.	Chapter 909 of 2003
SB 899	Poochigan	No Position	NOW: Was amended to become the final vehicle for a workers' compensation reform package which includes various changes to workers compensation law.	Chapter 34 of 2004
		Support (State Update: 6/10/03)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have prohibited a physician from referring a person with a workers' compensation case to outpatient surgery facilities where the physician or his or her family has a financial interest.	
SB 919	Ortiz	Support (Board Action: 6/10/03)	Would add code enforcement officers, which includes any person who has enforcement authority for health, safety, and welfare requirements, to the list of specified officers or other persons protected under the Penal Code, and expands the protection statute when a person commits assault or battery against a code enforcement officer such as the County's Environmental Health Specialists.	Chapter 274 of 2003
SB 921	Kuehl	Support (Board Action: 4/29/03)	Would establish the California Health Care System and make all California residents eligible for health care benefits under this single-payer system.	Assembly Health

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SB 957	McClintock	Support (Board Action: 4/22/03)	Would define a transportation gridlock emergency as a condition that requires extraordinary State action and authorizes the Governor to declare a state of emergency when any highway has an average daily vehicle delay that exceeds 3,000 vehicle hours per day.	Died in Senate
SB 976	Ducheny	Support (State Update: 8/28/03)	Would amend the Budget Act of 2002 by reverting \$5,713,000 from the Harbors and Watercraft Fund to the Public Beach Restoration Fund and authorize the transfer of the moneys for expenditure pursuant to the California Public Beach Restoration Act.	Chapter 15 of 2004
SB 1043	Budget & Fiscal Review	Support (State Update: 9/11/03)	Would establish the Castaic Lake Task Force to make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors and Legislature, by April 1, 2004, on long-term financial plans for continuing operation of Castaic Lake, and appropriates \$900,000 from the Harbors and Watercraft Revolving Fund to the County as a one-time match to operate Castaic Lake.	Assembly Inactive File
SB 1085	Murray	Support (State Update: 1/9/04)	Would prohibit the possession, distribution, and use of Mobile Infrared Transmitters (a traffic signal preemption device used to change the sequencing of traffic signals) by unauthorized persons.	Assembly Transportation
SB 1260	Murray	County-Sponsored	Would, subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors, allow all retiring LACERA members to purchase a higher level of survivor benefits by paying the actuarial difference between the standard benefit and the increased benefit, with no additional cost to LACERA.	Assembly Public Employees, Retirement and Social Security
SB 1375	Scott	Support and Amend to include an urgency clause (Board Action: 4/6/04)	Would authorize the California Transportation Commission to relinquish a portion of State Highway Route 164 (Rosemead Boulevard) to the County of Los Angeles to allow the County to construct improvements that would improve the infrastructure and appearance of Rosemead Boulevard.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 1382	Murray	County-Sponsored	Would amend redevelopment law to specify that redevelopment agencies shall provide taxing entities with a preliminary report no less than 90 days before plan adoption.	Assembly Desk
SB 1387	Romero	Oppose (State Update: 4/16/04)	Would prohibit the County's Sanitation Districts from acquiring and developing land, or putting improvements on land, for the purposes of creating a materials recycling facility with a capacity of over 4,000 tons per day unless the project is approved by two-thirds of the voters in the affected district at the next general election. The bill would allow for reimbursement of the State-mandated costs of the election.	Senate Local Government
SB 1413	Bruite, Scott	County-Sponsored	Would expand the "Good Samaritan Law" to include adults who assist others to safely surrender their babies.	Senate Floor

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SB 1433	Romero	Support (State Update: 4/1/04)	Would establish the Trauma Care Fund Advisory Board, require the California Emergency Medical Services Authority to designate a representative from the Authority to oversee trauma system development, and allow taxpayers to designate on their State income tax returns that a portion of their State income tax refunds be donated to the California Emergency Trauma Fund.	Senate Appropriations
SB 1438	Johnson, Perata	Oppose (Board Action: 4/27/04)	Would prohibit, on and after January 1, 2005, a city or county from purchasing a direct recording electronic voting system that does not include an accessible voter verified paper audit trail and would require that, as of January 1, 2005, all direct recording electronic voting machines in use on that date, regardless of when purchased, include an accessible voter verified paper audit trail.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File
SB 1462	Kuehl	Oppose (State Update: 5/11/04)	NOW: Would require that for all projects located beneath special use airspace, the lead agency, such as Regional Planning of the Department of Public Works, must transmit all environmental documents to the State Office of Planning and Research (OPR) which will send the documents to all the branches of the military. During the public review period, the military or lead agency may request OPR to arrange for non-binding mediation.	Senate Appropriations
		Oppose (State Update: 4/15/04)	PREVIOUSLY: Would have created the Southern California Military Greenway Commission, under the auspices of the State, to gather information, review plans and mediate disputes related to proposed land uses that may affect military flight paths within eight counties, including Los Angeles. The Commission would have focused on proposed projects that may significantly diminish the effectiveness of military flight paths and the commitment of open space beneath those flight paths or appropriate buffer zones.	
SB 1487	Speier	Oppose Unless Amended to provide funding for the new reporting requirements (State Update: 5/4/04)	Would require acute care hospitals, acute psychiatric hospitals, and special hospitals to provide data on hospital-acquired infections to the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development (OSHPD) and the State Department of Health Services, and to post the information on the internet for public access. It would also require OSHPD to appoint an advisory committee to help develop a methodology for collecting, analyzing, and disclosing the information, and specified that a majority of the members of the committee must represent interests other than hospitals.	Senate Appropriations Suspense File

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SB 1677	Knight	Support (Board Action: 4/13/04)	Would amend the Los Angeles County Flood Control Act to allow the Flood Control District to accept the transfer of a storm drain improvement or drainage system from a city or a private party, without action by the Board of Supervisors.	Assembly Desk
SB 1723	Johnson, Perata	Oppose (Board Action: 4/27/04)	Would prohibit, until January 1, 2005, a city or county from using any form of direct recording electronic devise as part of the city or county's voting system for the November 2, 2004 Presidential General Election. Urgency measure.	Senate Appropriations
SB 1801	Bowen	No Position Oppose (State Update: 4/7/04)	NOW: Still does the same but was amended to remove local governments. PREVIOUSLY: Would have prohibited any State or local agency or court that accepts a credit card or debit card as payment for any service or obligation from imposing any processing fee or charge that is not also imposed upon persons who pay for the same service or obligation by cash or check.	Failed passage in Senate Judiciary
SB 1905	Torlakson	Support (State Update: 4/29/04)	Would repeal the maximum annual registration fees that can be charged by a county agricultural commissioner for testing or inspecting various weighing devices and would instead allow a Board of Supervisors to set fees at a level that would recover a county's actual costs. The bill would also eliminate the 2006 sunset date for these and other fees.	Senate Local Government
SCR 5	Scott	Support (State Update: 3/13/03)	Would declare the Legislature's acknowledgment and support of standards-based instruction in the visual and performing arts in all California public schools, pre-kindergarten through grade 12.	Resolution Chapter 124 of 2003
SJR 6	Soto	Support (State Update: 3/14/03)	Would call upon the Congress to provide additional funding to the states for first responder training as part of homeland security funding.	Resolution Chapter 137 of 2003
SJR 7	Karnette	Support (State Update: 5/7/03)	Would request the President and Congress to maintain the present Federal restrictions on truck lengths and weights included in the Transportation Equity Act for the 21 <sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21), and resist any changes in subsequent legislation.	Resolution Chapter 103 of 2003
SJR 23	Ashburn, Knight	Support (State Update: 2/3/04)	Would memorialize the Legislature's request to the Secretary of Defense to include "intellectual capital" and "total mission support" on the list of essential 2005 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) evaluation criteria.	Resolution Chapter 7 of 2004



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SR 23	Murray	Support (Board Action: 6/24/03)	Would call upon the United States Navy and Department of Transportation to preserve a national aviation asset by approving the City of Los Angeles's offer to lease the El Toro marine base and operate the facility as a civilian passenger and cargo airport.	Senate Desk

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**STATUS OF BILLS OF INTEREST TO THE COUNTY**  
**2003-04 EXTRAORDINARY SESSIONS BILLS**

These are Special Session bills we have pursued in Sacramento pursuant to Board actions or as reported in bill policy memoranda.

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ABX1 4	Wesson	Support (State Update: 1/23/03 and Board Action: 1/28/03)	Would amend current law to clarify that the Director of Finance is responsible for implementing the "trigger" provision in existing law that restores the Vehicle License Fee (VLF) rate in the event that the State General Fund is insufficient to finance "backfill" payments to local governments.	Died in Assembly
ABX4 1	Maldonado	Support (State Update: 2/13/04)	Would provide additional reforms to the workers' compensation system beyond what was enacted in 2003, including: 1) linking the penalty for late payments to the actual delayed payment; 2) allowing employer input into the selection of treating physicians; 3) promoting use of objective medical findings; 4) providing that awards are more directly linked to the extent of injuries received on the job; and 5) expanding the existing dispute resolution process between bargaining units and private employers to include public employers.	Assembly Insurance
SBX1 1	Poochigian	No Position but support the provisions of SB 1X which suspend Chapter 938 of 2001 and Chapter 6 of 2002 (Board Action: 4/1/03)	Would suspend various statutes related to overtime, prevailing wages, workers' compensation benefit increases, labor standards, and payment of workers' compensation premiums by temporary agencies until a proclamation by the Governor is issued declaring that the California economy has fully recovered from the current economic recession. Urgency measure.	Died in Senate
SBX1 5	Romero	Support (State Update: 1/29/03)	Would establish a five-cent fee per alcoholic beverage distributed by a wholesaler to a retailer for consumption in the State of California to fund local emergency medical services providers. Those providers include emergency rooms, trauma centers, and emergency medical professionals and other entities which provide services in alcohol-related emergencies.	Died in Senate
SBX4 1	Burton	Oppose (State Update: 11/25/03)	Would repeal workers' compensation reforms contained in AB 227 (Vargas) and SB 228 (Alarcon) enacted in 2003 which the County supported. Urgency measure.	Senate Appropriations

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SBX4 3	Poochigian	Support (State Update: 11/26/03)	Would provide additional reforms to the workers' compensation system beyond what was enacted in 2003, including: 1) linking the penalty for late payments to the actual delayed payment; 2) allowing employer input into the selection of treating physicians; 3) promoting use of objective medical findings; 4) providing that awards are more directly linked to the extent of injuries received on the job; and 5) expanding the existing dispute resolution process between bargaining units and private employers to include public employers.	Senate Labor and Industrial Relations